

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated May 19, 2006. Applicants have updated the Priority Claim in the Specification. The Office Action objected to the Claim numbering, noting that misnumbered Claims 98-149 should be renumbered to Claims 96-147. The Office Action stated that 37 C.F.R. §1.126 requires that, when Claims are canceled, the remaining Claims must not be renumbered. Applicants point out that the original Claims were filed with the omission of Claim numbers 96 and 97. No Claims have been canceled in the prosecution of this application. Applicants have renumbered original Claims 98-149 as Claims 96-147 to correct the Claim misnumbering cited in the Office Action. Also, Applicants have updated the Claim number references in the dependent Claims now numbered as Claims 97, 99, 101-141 and 143-146. None of the Claim amendments made in this Response were made for any purpose other than to correct the Claim misnumbering. No new matter has been added to the Specification or Claims.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-147 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-102 of U.S. Patent No. 7,040,983. As suggested in the Office Action, enclosed is a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome such rejection.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account 02-1818 for any underpayment or overpayment related to this Response. An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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